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Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton
Class of 1871

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OVER THE DESKTOP

A Changed World

They say that every generation has its national tragedy.

My mother vividly remembers hearing the announcement on the radio of the attack on Pearl Harbor that began America's involvement in World War II. My cousin, who served in the Peace Corps, says his worst memory is of learning that President Kennedy had been shot and killed. And I can clearly recall sitting in a grade school classroom, watching on television as a disgraced man resigned from the presidency of the United States.

Three different memories, three different people. What these events have in common is that they were so catastrophic that they left an indelible mark. Ever afterward, we looked at the world, and ourselves in the world, differently. Ever afterward, we asked one another, "Where were you when?..." and "Do you remember?..."

Such a catastrophe occurred on September 11, 2001. Four days later, I was running on a fitness trail near my home, listening on headphones to NPR's *Weekend Edition*. The entire program was dedicated to the tragedy in New York City. There were interviews, eyewitness accounts, music, and poetry. Finally, they played Frank Sinatra singing, "New York, New York," and–right there on the trail, trotting along–I started to cry.

I was mourning for those who had lost loved ones, for those who were laboring in the rescue efforts, for the entire city, really. And although I was incredibly grateful that no one I knew had been killed or injured, I realized that the world had changed.

So far as we know, no members of Kappa Alpha Theta were on the highjacked planes or working in or visiting the World Trade Center or the Pentagon on September 11. Sadly, several Thetas have been affected by the WTC disaster. Elizabeth Russell Jordan, Omega/UC Berkeley, lost her husband, Robert, and Connie Trompeter Lindeman, Beta Gamma/Colorado State, lost her son-in-law, Ted Luckett. Karen Stollenmeyer Klomp, Mu/Allegheny spent almost a month restoring the preschool she owns and operates and–at press time–had been unable to return to her apartment.

Other Thetas have written to tell us of relatives and friends who were in Manhatten but were safely evacuated. In addition, members of several college chapters have written to us about their participation in relief efforts. The collegian's stories will be published in the Spring 2002 issue of *The Magazine.* If alumnae would like to write to us of their involvement in the disasters of September 11 or their aftermath, we will be honored to also publish those.

Given current events, the more commercial aspects of the holiday season seem even more hollow than usual this year. But the true meaning of the season–friends, family, and tradition–seems even more important.

We've made reference to the next issue of this magazine; here are some notes on the current edition.

- Founders Day is January 27. In her Founders Day message (page 11) Fraternity President Mary Jane Beach shares her thoughts on the importance of sisterhood in uncertain times.
- On page 12, we welcome a formerly disestablished chapter back to Theta's active roll. After a 15-year absence, the Beta Theta Chapter has returned to the University of Idaho.
- 2002 is a Grand Convention year and marks the election of a new Grand Council to govern the Fraternity. Beginning on page 18, the election process, as well as the role each Theta can play in it, is explained.
- Although Thetas in the news aren't rare, it is rare for four Thetas living in the same city to be involved in the news media. The story of St. Louis's "Theta Network" begins on page 14.

As 2001 draws to a close, we wish for you all a peaceful and happy new year.

Loyally,

Liz Appel Rinck

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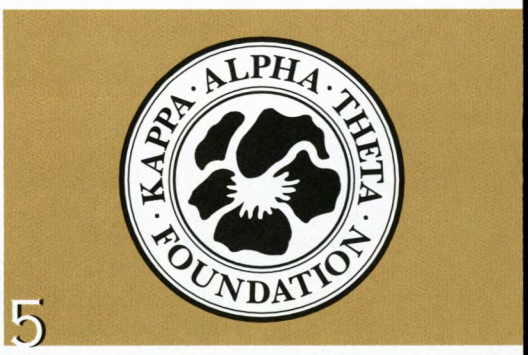
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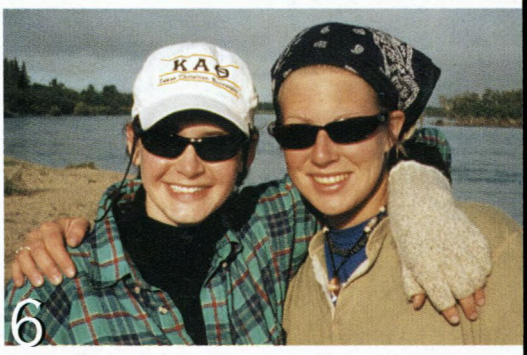
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In this 1893 photograph, Bettie Locke Hamilton was 43 years old. Many of the Founders Day messages she wrote to college chapters are preserved in the Fraternity's archives.



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MISSION STATEMENT

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

FRATERNITY STATISTICS
(as of November 19, 2001)

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Alumnae Chapters 77
Alumnae Clubs 163
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THETAS IN THE RIVIERA

I have always found Theta a great way to meet new people and to help settle into a new area. I recently moved to the Côte d'Azur/French Riviera and found that no alumnae group existed here. I am interested in establishing one! If you are in the southeast of France (Nice/Cannes/Alpes Maritimes-Var) and are interested or know of someone here, please contact me at Orangia@aol.com or telephone me at +33 (country code) (0) (only within France do you dial this zero) 4 93 77 08 16. I look forward to hearing from my Theta sisters.

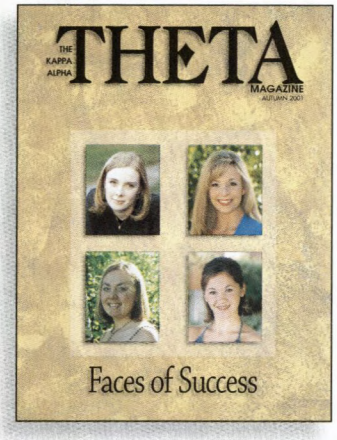
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Sometime in the distant past, when I was working 15-hour days, I asked you to cancel my subscription to *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* because I had no time to read it or take part in alumnae activities. Now that I am retired and have time for both, will your forgive and forget and put me back on the membership list?

JEAN LAUG-CARROLL
BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE

Editor's note: Theta is for a lifetime, and an alumna is never removed from the Fraternity's membership list simply because she isn't active for a time. However, alumnae do have a choice about how many issues of The Magazine *that they receive. You may choose to receive only the spring issue, or you may choose to receive all four quarterly issues. If you would like to change the frequency with which you receive* The Magazine*, you may send an e-mail message to info@kappaalphatheta.org or mail a note to KAΘ, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268, attn: Address Changes. You may also change your address or subscription via our website, www.kappaalphatheta.org.*



I am a member of Alpha Xi Delta and mother of a Theta. For the last five years, I have enjoyed reading Hillary's copy of *The Magazine*. In fact, I have made some suggestions to *The Quill* editor to model some features from your magazine. My daughter was married in June, and I just sent a request for a name and address change for her to Fraternity headquarters.

I would like to continue receiving *The Magazine*. I was thrilled and surprised to receive my own copy of the Spring issue this year because I had made a donation to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. I would like to receive four issues a year, please. Thank you so much and keep up the good work!

LINDA PEIRCE
ALPHA XI DELTA

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Many of you have been wondering when *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* will feature another article about First Lady Laura Bush, Alpha Theta/Texas. We are working with the White House staff to arrange an interview time that is convenient for her, and we will publish the resulting article in the issue immediately following. We had hoped that this would be the Spring 2002 issue, but that is looking less and less likely. We are grateful for our readers' patience!

We do have articles planned for the spring issue that we are very excited about. Judith Miller, an author, journalist, and expert on the Middle East, will be the subject of our profile article. We'll feature reports from both our college chapters and our alumnae groups about their activities over the past year. We'll honor 75-year Thetas and those collegians with straight-*A* grade-point averages. We'll publish annual reports from both the Fraternity and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. And, as is traditional each spring, we'll print the letter of reference form and the recruitment personnel roster.

We're going to enjoy creating the next issue, and we hope you'll enjoy reading it. ■

WRITE TO US... THIS IS YOUR MAGAZINE!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine?* Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you!

The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine is the official magazine of the Fraternity, and, as such, one of its functions is to serve as an open forum for member discussions. We are pleased to publish letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail (lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org). Letters may be edited for length.

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Get caught playing with matches!



Do you know that many companies provide matching-gift funds as an employee benefit and to recognize the efforts of qualified charitable organizations? Usually, all you need to do is pick up a short form from your HR department and send it along with your contribution to the Foundation. You complete your area of the form and we do the rest!

You will find a partial list of companies that provide matching gifts in the Matching Gift area of the Foundation section of the Theta web site – www.kappaalphatheta.org. If you do not find your company listed, you may want to ask if it provides matching gifts to 501(c)(3) organizations.

Matching gifts are a wonderful way to provide additional gifts to the Foundation to help continue our tradition of leading the Greek Community in providing grants and scholarships to Thetas.

2001 Founders' Society

The Founders' Society recognizes Thetas whose annual gifts reflect the highest level of commitment to the Foundation. You will receive a specially designed jeweled pansy charm, and your name will be included in special listings throughout the year.

The Founders' Society	
Pearl	$250-499
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2000-2001 FOUNDATION FACTS

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation awarded almost $1.1 million in grants in 2000-2001!

$ 505,860	distributed in Scholarships to 142 alumna & undergraduate Thetas *(one of the largest of any Greek organization!)*
$ 327,000	granted to the Fraternity for educational & leadership training programs
$ 56,000	granted to collegians to attend LeaderShape *(leadership training)*
$ 60,000	granted to National CASA *(part of 2-yr. $120,000 grant)*
$ 26,000	granted to alumna Thetas in need through the Friendship Fund
$ 43,000	granted from named trust endowments to provide leadership training or non-degree educational programming to Theta members, chapters, and alumnae groups
$ 34,260	Chapter Campaign Grant
$ 21,910	granted to Heartsprings *(formerly the Institute of Logopedics)*
$ 350	granted to the DePauw Library

$1,074,380 TOTAL GRANTED!

Let's talk about the Fraternity Grant...

How did the Foundation pay for the $327,000 Fraternity Grant? By sisters helping sisters through unrestricted annual gifts to the Foundation via:

- The annual fund drive,
- Fund-raisers by collegiate chapters, and
- Fund-raisers by alumnae chapters & clubs.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation should be your #1 philanthropy! If Thetas won't support Theta, who will? For the Foundation to continue to increase the grant to the Fraternity, annual gifts donated to the Foundation must also increase. The Foundation's ongoing goal is to strengthen Kappa Alpha Theta by providing educational and leadership training opportunities and programs to chapters and members. Please increase your gift so that the Foundation will be able to grant the Fraternity's request of almost $400,000 in 2001-2002! Won't you help the Foundation help Theta? ■

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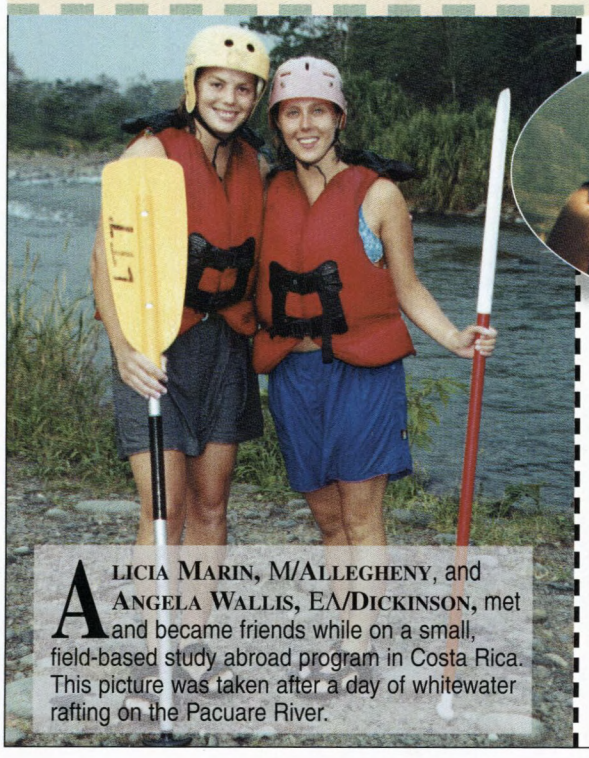


Members of the **Psi Chapter** at **Wisconsin** chapter gathered for a picture on preference night.



Cousins Carey VanDriest, ΓΦ/TCU, and Martha VanDriest, BO/Iowa, enjoyed a week of fishing with their fathers in the Alaskan wilderness in August.

STUDYING ABROAD



Alicia Marin, M/Allegheny, and **Angela Wallis, EΛ/Dickinson,** met and became friends while on a small, field-based study abroad program in Costa Rica. This picture was taken after a day of whitewater rafting on the Pacuare River.



Angela Wills and **Violet Shahriari, EN/Virginia Tech,** spent the summer together in Beijing, China, for a study-abroad program. They posed for this photograph at the Great Wall of China.

Anne Meier Jones, B/Indiana, is a realtor in Columbus, OH, and recently received an Award of Achievement from the Ohio Association of Realtors.

Kimberly Kelly Russell, EE/Baylor, Collin County College District's director of human resources in Plano, Texas, has been selected as one of only 35 HR professionals to participate in an executive HR leadership class. Sponsored by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR), this week-long leadership program will focus on topics such as effective HR practices and strategies for both a changing world and the campus of the 21st century. Through this program, Russell will have an opportunity to work closely with leaders in public and private colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Rebecca Scholes Walsworth, BO/Iowa, a resident of the Bluebonnet Unit of Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center in Abilene, Texas, receives a special weekly visit from her daughter **Nancy Walsworth Stephenson, AM/Missouri.** Stephenson and her three Yorkshire terriers, Prissy, Missy, and Sissy, visit Walsworth and other residents often.

Jean Schroeder, ΓN/North Dakota, recently received the Heritage Award for Alumni Service at North Dakota State's homecoming. Her years of service to NDSU span an impressive 2 decades. During her time volunteering for the benefit of NDSU, Schroeder has served on the NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees since 1988 and has been a member of the Bison Bidders Bowl committee for the past 20 years.

ALUMNAE



Patricia Lahr Smith, P/**Nebraska,** received the prestigious Alumni Achievement Award at the 2001 National Conference of Mortar Board in Columbus, Ohio. Other Thetas in attendance were: **Linda Markins Sorensen,** AX/**Purdue; Jane Baur Merrill,** AX/**Purdue;** and **Sue Carkoski Tempero,** P/**Nebraska** (Smith's niece).



Jennifer Carrole, N/**Hanover; Toni Lin,** AX/**Purdue; Liz Grau,** ΔΣ/**Ball State;** and **Abby Brinkman,** N/**Hanover,** were chosen to be Indianapolis 500 Festival princesses. The princess program is a tradition in which 33 young women are chosen from colleges and universities around Indiana to serve as ambassadors for their schools, the state, the city of Indianapolis, and the 500 Festival during various activities in the month of May.



Stacey Swistak *(center),* BΠ/**Michigan State,** was selected Greek Academic Woman of the Year, 2001. An awards dinner and ceremony was held last May to honor Swistak and other award winners, and the Beta Pi executive board— **Carrie Sofen, Kristy Koller, Swistak, Elizabeth DiMaria,** and **Mandy Miller**—was on hand to celebrate.



The first "re-establishment" meeting of the **Ames Alumnae Club** was held in October 2000. Among others, president **Ann Espeset,** vice-president **Martha Gleason,** and ADO **Kathy Roat,** all ΓΠ/**Iowa State,** were in attendance.



Ali McCaskey, Julie Ruble Middleswart, Sara Bailey, all ΓΠ/**Iowa State; Jean Curtiss Burke,** BO/**Iowa;** and **Sara Miller,** ΔH/**Kansas State,** members of the **Des Moines Alumnae Chapter,** celebrated Founders Day 2001.



Posing for a photograph with other members of the **Orange Coast Alumnae Chapter** is **Ann Shepard Malone,** BT/**Denison,** holding a personal invitation from First Lady **Laura Bush,** BΣ/**SMU,** to attend President Bush's inauguration last January.



Last May, twenty Thetas from the **Washington, DC/Suburban Maryland,** and **Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapters** attended a matinee performance of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,* starring fellow Theta **Ann-Margret,** T/**Northwestern.**

Literary Achievements...

Suzan Hagstrom, Ω/UC Berkeley, tells the story of the remarkable survival of five Polish Jew siblings in Nazi Germany's death camps in *Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chmielnik.* Inspiration for the book came from an article Hagstrom wrote in 1990 for *The Orlando Sentinel*'s Sunday magazine on Orlando's Holocaust museum. Consequently she met Helen Garfinkel Greenspun, one of the five siblings who survived slave labor, starvation, beatings, typhus, exposure, and fatigue, and was motivated to reconstruct their story. Today Hagstrom lives and works in San Diego, Calif.

In **Joyce Weatherford's, ΦΔ/Stanford,** debut novel, *Heart of the Beast,* she describes the battle between a greedy descendant of Oregon ranchers and member of the Nez Perce Indian tribe over ownership of land that is sacred to both. The novel was published in September.

Paulette Mitchell, BO/Iowa, has just published a new cookbook, *Vegetarian Appetizers.* The cookbook offers fast, easy-to-make, meatless dishes. Mitchell has previously written nine other cookbooks.



Gardening

Susan Kahmann Miller, Jennifer Grimm Novak, Amy Elliot Shultz, Melissa Bowlby Richmond, Michelle Bloomer Combs, Shannon Carroll, Katey Jackson Huggins, Alison Fredrick, and **Julie Russell,** all from the **Gamma Chapter at Butler,** gathered in May for an annual flower exchange.

Karen Donovan Magan, Γ/Butler, founder and president of *Hands on Discovery Children's Museum* in Evansville, Ind., announced her retirement in July. *Hands on Discovery* is a museum for children and their families that promotes learning, playing, and experiencing in an environment that is interactive, varied, welcoming, and accessible. Magan founded the museum 10 years ago when the Junior League of Evansville asked her if she would head a task force to see if Evansville would support a children's museum.



Tucson, Ariz., was the site of the biennial meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference. *(Back row)* NPC Delegate **Lissa Luton Bradford,** AH/**Vanderbilt;** Fraternity President **Mary Jane Parker Beach,** BN/**Florida State;** 2nd Alternate Delegate **Carol Stenburg McPadden,** Λ/**Vermont; Mimi Davis Reid,** AM/**Missouri; Tricia Tinney,** BΔ/**Arizona;** *(front row)* **Courtney Sierk,** BΔ/**Arizona; Marge Powers Kjelland,** ΓΛ/**Beloit,** Tucson Alumnae Chapter president; and **Megan Schwedhelm,** BΔ/**Arizona,** were in attendance.

Natali Gut, BΠ/Michigan State, and her mother, Nancy, celebrated Mom's Day in April. As a special present, Natali's mother surprised her with matching pansy purses.





Julie-Ann Duhe, Crystal DiBenedetto Burkhalter, and **Amy Holt, all ΔK/LSU,** graduated from LSU Law School in May.

Theta for a lifetime

Anne Eby McReynolds, ΓΙ/Kentucky, was named Volunteer Advocate of the Year for Seminole County, Fla., at the Florida Guardian ad Litem/CASA conference last June. Reynolds has been a Guardian ad Litem since April 1999.

Claire McCaskill, AM/Missouri, is Missouri's 34th state auditor. She was elected in November 1998, and her current term expires in January 2003. She received the Medal of Honor from the Institute for the Improvement of Justice in Atlanta, GA, for legislation protecting the victims of crime. McCaskill has also been the recipient of numerous awards including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts & Science at Mizzou. Today, she serves on the White House Commission for Drug Free Communities.



Alycia Glenn Olesen, EX/Guelph; Barbara Ann Caulfield, Ω/UC Berkeley; Cay Womack Eckland, AΘ/Texas; Sue Laffan Thompson, ΓM/Maryland; and **Kay Loop Locher, AX/Purdue,** gathered at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum after Theta's Officer's Conference in July.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Four members of Theta's headquarters staff completed the Chicago Marathon in October. **Clare Whipple, ZΛ/Charleston;** Jeff Rinck; **Kelley Hurst, BI/Colorado;** and Jeff Risser were tired but happy at the race's finish.



On August 20, 2001, the new members of the **Gamma Delta** chapter at the **University of Georgia** posed for their first picture together. This year's theme was "How Sweet It Is To Be Loved by You." ■

KITES OVER OHIO

John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland), will be the site of Theta's newest chapter, Eta Kappa. JCU is a private, liberal arts school with approximately 4000 students. This fall, the five established local sororities at JCU affiliated with National Panhellenic Conference organizations.

Theta affiliated with the Pi Sigma Phi local chapter, a large, established group with a 10-year history. In October, more than 75 members were pledged. The chapter was installed the weekend of November 17 and will participate in recruitment in the spring.

The other NPC groups on the John Carroll campus are Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Delta.

Kappa Alpha Theta has opened five new chapters in the past year. It is an exciting time of growth for the Fraternity! More information about the Eta Kappa Chapter will be featured in the Spring 2002 issue of *The Magazine.* Please see page 12 of this issue for information about the re-establishment of the Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Idaho.

WELCOME, TAMPA BAY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

More than 100 Florida Thetas attended a Founders Day luncheon that was also the installation of the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter last February. The luncheon was held at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club; in addition to the 50 Tampa Bay members who signed the charter, members of the St. Petersburg and Clearwater Alumnae Clubs also attended the celebration.



TAMPA BAY ALUMNAE CHAPTER INSTALLED
Sharon Gordon-Girvin, BN/Florida State, facility corporation district director; Jane Shepherd Dick, ET/Yale, vice-president alumnae; Tiffini Holtsberg, EΘ/Stetson, Tampa Bay Chapter president; Krista Wood Rechtorik, BO/Iowa, Tampa Bay vice-president; and Helen Hynes Dray Bode, Γ^{Δ}/Ohio Wesleyan.

MILESTONE YEARS

Twelve members of the 26-person headquarters staff have worked for Kappa Alpha Theta for more than five years, and two staffers have been with Theta since the headquarters building opened in 1983! This year, Carol McLaughlin, EΠ/Bucknell, extension director, celebrates five years of employment with Theta. Gretchen Brown, Alpha Chi Omega, membership coordinator, and Lorie Land, AX/Purdue, office/technical services coordinator, celebrate 10 years of employment with Theta.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Edna Johnson Girton, T/Northwestern, recently celebrated her 106th birthday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. In an article published in the *Shorelines* newspaper, she said there is no secret to living such a long life: "I don't know how it happened."

Employees at Vicar's Landing retirement community, where Girton lives, credit her longevity to an active life and a lively interest in people.

That active life began in 1895, in Chicago. As a child, Edna Johnson kept up with her two older brothers, excelling in sports as well as dancing. In high school, she taught ballroom dancing on the weekends and was captain of the women's basketball team. She was awarded a scholarship to Northwestern, where she majored in dramatic arts and graduated in 1917. One year later, she married Delbert George Girton.

The Girtons lived in Paris, Hamburg, London, and Argentina before settling in Ponte Vedra Beach in 1954. They had three children and were married for nearly 50 years.

About 30 fellow residents of Vicar's Landing and Girton's eldest daughter attended her birthday celebration.

BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Even of you live in a generally warm climate, you may still suffer from the winter blahs. If you're one of those people who would rather hibernate through winter, you've probably figured out that you're not going to be able to snooze for four or five months each year! Here are three creative ways to cheer yourself up on a dreary day.

- We're all familiar with Valentine's Day and Presidents Day, but the winter months also abound with goofier holidays. Celebrate Bubble Bath Day, Oatmeal Month, National Pig Day, or Pay a Compliment Day. For more winter holidays, visit www.bluemountain.com.
- On an ugly gray day, rent a former "summer blockbuster" movie or read a book set in an exotic tropical locale. Suddenly, the weather outside doesn't matter so much.
- Get on the Internet (at home or at the library) and look up long-lost friends. To find a phone number or e-mail address anywhere in the country, use www.people.yahoo.com. Or post a message or search the message boards at www.peoplesite.com. ■

A CENTURY OF PRIDE

LIVE

the Greek tradition

International Badge Day
March 4, 2002

A CENTURY OF PRIDE

March 4, 2002, will mark the sixth annual International Panhellenic Badge Day, an effort that encourages fraternity women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The public awareness campaign is titled *A Century of Pride: Live the Greek Tradition.*

By wearing letters or badges, fraternity members can encourage questions and discussion about the Greek system. We can promote the lifetime opportunities for friendship, learning, and service that Theta provides.

Founders Day -and- Friendship Fund Message 2002

One day each year, Thetas everywhere pause for a moment in their busy lives to commemorate our founders—Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, and Hannah Fitch—and the dream they shared. On this day, we celebrate the courage and perseverance they displayed in a largely unfriendly environment. On this day, we remember that it is because of their determination that we are all sisters, members of the first Greek-letter fraternity known among women.

One hundred and thirty-two years have passed since the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, and the world has changed in many ways. Some changes have unfolded so slowly that we barely noticed them; others have burst upon us with no warning. This past year, in particular, our world was profoundly altered by the tragic events of September 11 and their aftermath.

On September 11, we were forcefully reminded that life is precious and that we must take care to treasure those things that mean the most: our families, our friends, our sisters. We were also reminded that in times of adversity, we can rely on one another for strength and courage and on Kappa Alpha Theta as a source of support to us all. And even as we mourned for the victims and their families, we were inspired by the firefighters, police, and ordinary citizens who met grief and adversity with kindness and courage.

On this Founders Day, let us renew our commitment to support and care for one another. One tangible way we can do this is through gifts to the Friendship Fund. Since 1926, the Friendship Fund has provided much-needed financial assistance to Thetas experiencing severe financial distress, illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis. Excerpts from their thank-you notes are testaments to the power of a simple idea: sisters helping sisters.

"Knowing that I have the loving support of such special friends gives me the courage to keep putting one foot in front of the other."

"How can I think you enough? I can't stop crying. This gift of friendship came at exactly the time it is needed. Bless you."

"You have touched our hearts and renewed my faith in Theta for a lifetime. We will be forever grateful."

On this Founders Day, let us pay tribute to those who have experienced some of life's darkest hours. Let us resolve to offer hope and comfort to those who need it and to meet challenging times with determination, strength, courage, and pride.

Loyally,

Mary Jane Parker Beach

Mary Jane Parker Beach
Fraternity President

The birth of the Friendship Fund was the 1924 Grand Convention, when a young alumna, Rachel Sumner Poole, Chi/Syracuse, spoke of a Theta in dire need and asked if there was any fund from which the Fraternity could aid her. In response, a committee was formed and recommended the establishment of the Friendship Fund at the 1926 Convention; a few months later, Grand Council suggested starting the fund through contributions at Founders Day celebrations. An important ongoing tradition is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts from the fund. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

Most contributions to the Friendship Fund are made through Founders Day gifts. The suggested contribution is $1 per year of Theta membership. The Friendship Fund is under the management of The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, so all gifts to it are tax-deductible. Checks, made out to The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation with "Friendship Fund" noted on the memo line, may be sent to:
Foundation Headquarters, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268. ■

Welcome Back Beta Theta

• University of Idaho •



Sporting hard hats and carrying shovels, some members of the Beta Theta charter class gathered after the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Kites are once again flying high over the University of Idaho! Over the weekend of November 10, the Beta Theta Chapter was reinstalled on that campus after a 15-year hiatus.

Forty-five charter members were initiated at services on Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10. Collegians from the Eta Eta Chapter at Albertson and the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Washington State assisted. Fraternity President Mary Jane Beach, Beta Nu/Florida State, presided over the rechartering of Beta Theta, which took place on Sunday. The installation banquet was attended by more than 110 guests.

Many thanks to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the installation team. They include Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, vice-president finance; Jo Ann Crites Thompson, Beta Theta, former Grand Council member; Lara Perry, Zeta Rho/UC San Diego, college district president; Joni Schneider Morrow, Beta Theta, education district director; Amy Willcox Kelly, Alpha Sigma/Washington State, membership district director; Kathleen Markey, Chi/Syracuse; facility corporation district director; Cay Womack Eckland, Alpha Theta/Texas, music coordinator; Betsy Sierk Corridan, Beta Omicron/Iowa, executive director; Carol McLaughlin, Epsilon Pi/Bucknell, extension director; and Samantha Hunter, Delta Zeta/Emory; Jenny Randall, Psi/Wisconsin; and Kathryn Stone, Zeta Nu/UC Davis, educational leadership consultants.



Members of the re-established Beta Theta chapter posed with their new charter.

Founded originally in 1920, Beta Theta has a long and distinguished history. More than 1,100 members of the chapter, including six district officers, two Foundation trustees, and two members of Grand Council, have loyally served Theta. In 1986, during a time of declining enrollment at the University of Idaho, the Fraternity regretfully closed Beta Theta. Today, Kappa Alpha Theta is thrilled to once again be a part of the University of Idaho community. ■

THIS FALL, THETA CHAPTERS ACROSS THE CONTINENT WELCOMED HUNDREDS OF NEW MEMBERS! DO YOU KNOW ONE OF THESE NEW THETAS? ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT TO GET HER AS A WELCOME GIFT?



Visit the Theta Marketplace at www.kappaalphatheta.org for all of your Theta shopping needs! It's as easy as sitting by your computer with your favorite slippers and a hot cup of cocoa.



Baby Greek

A store dedicated to Theta items for that special little one. There's nothing like getting them started early!



The Jewelry Link

Theta's official jewelry: badges, necklaces, and rings, in gold and sterling silver, with and without gems! Our jewelry site is new and improved and much easier to use.



The Pansy Peddler

From Theta clothing to photo albums to afghans to keychains ... and more!

You can also visit

After you're done shopping for everyone else, maybe it is time to spoil yourself a little. The Foundation Shopping Mall is also located in the Theta Marketplace at www.kappaalphatheta.org. In a wide variety of well-known online stores, you can find anything from a new fuzzy sweater to keep you warm to a bouquet of flowers to brighten your day. Best of all, every time you make a purchase through the Foundation shopping mall; a percentage of the price will be donated to the Foundation. *At no cost to you!* Now there's no reason to not buy those new CDs you've been wanting!

www.KappaAlphaTheta.org

A Theta "Network" in St. Louis



Many St. Louis residents might be surprised to learn about the Theta connections between four local media personalities. Members of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, however, are quite proud to point out capable Theta newscasters Betsey Barnette Bruce, Alpha Mu/Missouri; Gina Kurre, Alpha Mu/Missouri; Kathryn Lataska Kiefer, Omicron/Southern California; and Kristi Shearer, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, who have guided audiences through a combined nine decades of programming.

by Pam Puerner Campbell, BT/Denison

Role Model

Betsey Bruce began her St. Louis broadcasting career in 1970 upon graduation from "Mizzou" with a degree in journalism. Debuting as a staff writer at KMOV-TV, she soon jumped nimbly in front of the camera as a staff reporter and weekend anchor. During her nineteen years at KMOV, Bruce established herself as a gifted interviewer and astute scholar of political and public affairs issues. As host of the weekly *Newsmakers* program, her guests included Jacques Cousteau, Gloria Steinem, Phyllis Schlafly, Robert Strauss, William Simon, and David Duke. She blazed trails as the first female co-anchor and first female political editor for a St. Louis television station.

Moving to KTVI-TV in 1989, Bruce again anchored the weekend news while tackling the everyday demands of education/general assignment reporter and political reporter. Her three Emmy awards add to a list of impressive local, state, and national recognitions. She was recently honored with the Gavel Award from the St. Louis Bar Association, as well as with the Missouri State Teachers Media Award. Bruce's community involvement includes service on several civic boards, including the Cystic Fibrosis Gateway Chapter Trustees and the Girl Scout Council's Board of Directors. In 1999, the University of Missouri cited her with its prestigious Alumni Award.

Dream Follower

As a collegian, future KDNL-TV personality Gina Kurre paid attention to the success of her Alpha Mu sister, Betsey Bruce. She comments, "When I started journalism school my junior year, I remember watching a video in class. It was some sort of promotional film about the school. Betsey Bruce was one of the anchors in the video. . . . The journalism school held her in high regard. She was a role model for me just like other Thetas are role models to many other young women who strive to make their dreams come true."

Kurre's dreams did come true; after graduation, she worked as a news anchor and reporter in Little Rock, Memphis, and St. Louis. Now a prime-time anchor at KDNL-TV in St. Louis, Kurre can be proud of her three Emmy awards as well as her "domestic rewards," two-year-old twins Garrett and Reid. She enjoys telling of her coincidental experiences with two other women who would also go on to become well-known Thetas. She sang in college groups with Sheryl Crow, another Alpha Mu, who has become a Grammy-winning recording artist. And when Kurre represented Missouri in America's Junior Miss Pageant, the competition was won by Julie Bryan of Georgia. Julie Bryan Moran, today an anchor on *Entertainment Tonight,* is a member of the Gamma Delta Chapter at Georgia.



Pam Campbell, BT/Denison *(standing),* seeks media advice from Kathryn Kiefer, O/USC; Gina Kurre, AM/Missouri; and Betsey Bruce, AM/Missouri.

Communications Consultant

Kathryn Lataska Kiefer, Omicron/USC, is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Southern California who continued her studies in film at UCLA. She worked for more than 25 years as a journalist, anchor, and producer at ABC and CBS affiliates in Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco, Detroit, Chicago, Seattle, and St. Louis, winning three Emmy awards for reporting. Using her communications expertise, she founded an international consulting firm, Kiefer Communications Group, in 1994. The company specializes in media analysis, training, and helping organizations tailor their corporate message to their target audiences. In addition, Kiefer writes for the *St. Louis Business Journal.* Her column, "Talk About Talk," features insights into the ways people communicate. She also teaches at Washington University in St. Louis and lectures annually at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

"Joining the Omicron Chapter of Theta at the University of Southern California really blazed the path to a media career," says Kiefer, explaining her career decisions. "My parents were always avid newspaper readers—morning and evening. They would occasionally watch television news in the evening. Like most children, I followed their example. When I joined Theta in 1970, I found many sisters who were active in politics, engaged in community volunteering, and riveted to the day's events presented electronically. Watching television

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Kristi Shearer, ΓΦ/Texas Tech *(left)* shares ideas with St. Louis Alumnae Chapter members Ellen Mannion, BΣ/SMU, and Liz Gibbons, ΓΤ/Tulsa.



The dazzling sunshine of one of America's foremost resort cities will greet us as we gather for Grand Convention 2002, the first Kappa Alpha Theta Convention of the 21st century. Join us in Orlando as we honor our accomplishments, determine our future, and celebrate our history. Join us as we share the magic of Theta sisterhood in the Sunshine State.

Grand Convention 2002

• June 18 – 23 •

Renaissance Orlando Resort



Convention registration materials will be available February 15, 2002; registration deadline is May 1. Please look for more information at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 18
- Welcome Dinner
- District Meetings

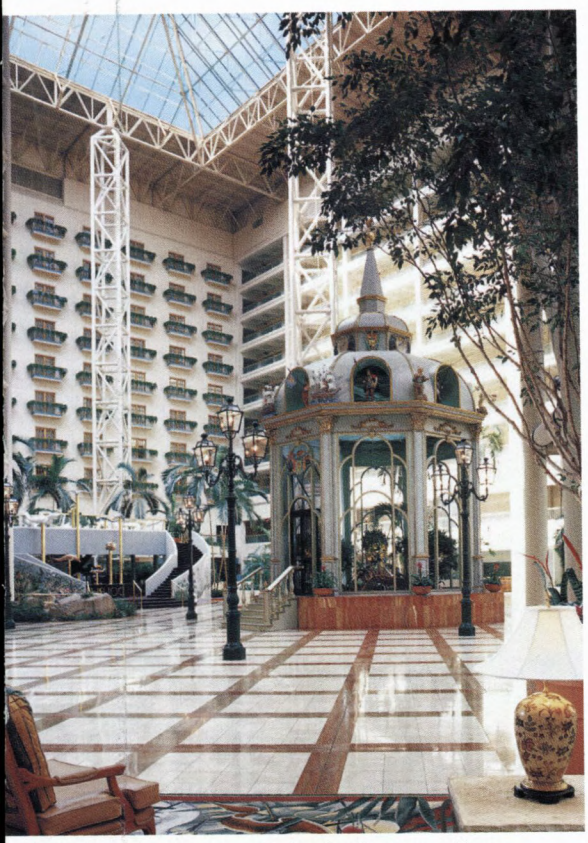
Wednesday, June 19
- Nikê
- Business Session
- Foundation Luncheon
- Guest Speaker
- Awards Banquet

Thursday, June 20
- Business Session
- Panhellenic Luncheon
- Initiation
- College Sessions
- Alumnae Sessions
- Fun Night

Friday, June 21
- Business Session
- Memorial Service
- Free Afternoon & Evening
  (Transportation and admission packages to Sea World, Universal Studios, and Epcot will be available.)

Saturday, June 22
- College, Alumnae & Business Sessions
- Election of Grand Council
- Guest Speaker
- Birthday Luncheon
- Banquet Procession
  (a tradition since 1911)
- Grand Convention Banquet

Photos courtesy of Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.



The Renaissance Orlando Resort offers numerous venues for fun and fitness, including an Olympic-sized Mediterranean swimming pool, a wading pool, an oversized whirlpool, a modern health club, a steam room, a sauna, and numerous specialty boutiques. The resort is directly across the street from Sea World and within driving distance from Universal Studios and the Disney parks.

Educational Sessions

Grand Convention 2002 will feature two nationally reknowned educational speakers.

Edward M. King is a professor at Bradley University and an educational consultant, specializing in presentations on ethics, leadership, and fraternity ritual.
"Ritual = The Power of Your Ethics & Values" will focus on the value of Theta ritual in everyday life. King is a member of Sigma Chi.

Kelly M. Smith is a drug information specialist and clinical associate professor at the University of Kentucky; she is the author of numerous articles published in professional journals.
"Club Drugs: Are They Worth the Cover Charge?" will be an informational session about so-called party drugs, increasingly popular among young adults. Smith is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED CONVENTION QUESTIONS

Where will Convention take place?

The Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World. All hotel reservations will be arranged through Kappa Alpha Theta at the time of Convention registration.

Who should attend Convention from my chapter?

The college and alumnae chapter presidents are voting delegates and must attend Grand Convention. If a chapter president is unable to attend, the vice-president college or vice-president alumnae may grant permission for the chapter to send an alternate. If college chapters have additional funds, it is suggested that vice-presidents and recruitment chairmen also attend Convention. Any Theta alumna is encouraged to attend Convention as a non-delegate.

When and how can I register? What is the registration deadline?

Registration will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org beginning February 15. Printed registration materials will be available upon request. Registration ends May 15, and there will be a $50 late fee for registrations between May 1 and May 15.

When and how do I need to make my flight arrangements?

Instructions for flight arrangements and Orlando ground transportation will be included with the registration materials, which will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org on February 15.

Will there be any time to visit Orlando's theme parks?

On Friday, June 21, free time is scheduled for both the afternoon and evening. Packages, including a half-day park pass and transportation to and from the Convention resort, will be available for Sea World, Universal Studios, and Epcot. Please note that Disney does not offer a half-day park pass. More information on park packages will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org on February 15.

How much does it cost to attend Grand Convention?

Exact figures aren't yet available, but history indicates that it will cost approximately $1,050 per person, double occupancy, not including travel to Orlando. Exact pricing will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org on February 15. ■

You Really *Can* Make a Difference

By Jane Kent Hedges, BΣ/SMU
Nominating Committee Chairman

Have you ever wondered how you could make a significant difference in your Fraternity? Well, here's your chance!

It is time to begin the election process for the seven-member Grand Council to be elected at Grand Convention 2002. These women will lead our Fraternity for the following biennium.

Yes, it matters who they are! They set policy and goals and create long-range plans. They are financial administrators. They govern the Fraternity in the interim between Grand Conventions.

Yes, your input matters! By taking time to send recommendations, you can be part of the selection process and thus influence the future course of the Fraternity.

Yes, it is worth your time and careful thought! Nominating those quiet, dedicated, hard-working Thetas with commitment to the Fraternity and its standards can help identify the most qualified leaders for our common future.

Yes, your information is important! In many cases, you alone have important experiences and points-of-view that can guide the deliberations of the Nominating Committee.

Theta truly is for a lifetime. While every member may not actually be able to serve as a member of Council, every member can do this small act to set the tone and direction of our Fraternity. Information received will be shared, in strictest confidence, with members of the Nominating Committee after its selection at Convention. Openness, honesty, and perception are of tremendous value in the information you submit.

Here's all you need to do:

- Read over the qualifications and job descriptions on this page and page 21;
- Study the timing of the nominating process;
- Look at the information requested on the nomination form;
- Think of those Thetas you know who have the qualities needed;
- Begin to match candidates and positions;
- Then, JUST DO IT!

The future direction of the Fraternity, which has impacted all our lives for the good, depends on your participation in this process. Every nomination form and letter received will be carefully read and will contribute to the creation of a successful slate.

Thanks in advance!

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Grand Council Job Descriptions

Note: The following job descriptions are not inclusive. If you are interested in obtaining a comprehensive description of any Grand Council position, please contact:

Fraternity Headquarters
1-800-526-1870
Info@KappaAlphaTheta.org

President

The president shall be the chief executive officer and official head of the Fraternity, responsible for ensuring that approved plans and programs are carried out in accordance with policies established by Grand Council. The president shall preside at all meetings of Grand Council and all sessions of Grand Convention; serve as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Fraternity; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of Grand Convention and Grand Council and of the Board of Trustees of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation; direct and coordinate the work of the vice-presidents, the special officers reporting directly to her, the editor of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine,* and the executive director; keep the Fraternity alert to its responsibilities in the educational world in accordance with the purpose of the Fraternity, and be responsible for the Fraternity's relationships with school administrations and for the general public relations of the Fraternity.

Vice-President College

The vice-president college shall be responsible for the direction and coordination of the college programs of the Fraternity. The vice-president college shall serve as presiding officer of Grand Convention and Grand Council and assume all of the responsibilities and authority of the president in case of her absence or incapacity; serve as chairman of the College Committee of the Fraternity; supervise the work of the college district presidents and any other special officers reporting to her; supervise, through the director of chapter services, the work of the educational leadership consultants; exercise the powers conferred upon her by the Fraternity bylaws in matters involving discipline of college chapters and members.

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2001 Grand Council Recommendation Form

Name of Candidate _____
First Maiden Last

City/State of Residence _____

College Chapter _____

Alumnae Chapter/Club _____

Position candidate holds in chapter/club or present Fraternity office _____

Your Name _____
First Maiden Last

Address _____
Street City State/Province ZIP

Phone (_____) _____ College Chapter _____

Alumnae Chapter/Club _____

Position you hold in chapter/club _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

How do you know the candidate? _____

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Why should this person be considered for Council service? _____

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What is the position for which the candidate is best suited and why? _____

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2002 GRAND COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FORM

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As fairly as you can, please evaluate this candidate in your response to the following questions.

Score **1** Outstanding **2** Above Average **3** Average **4** Below Average **5** Poor

How well does she handle correspondence? _____

Does she meet deadlines? _____

Does she speak well before a group? _____

Is she dependable in accomplishing jobs she agrees to do? _____

Does she possess the ability to strategize and problem-solve? _____

Does she work well with others? _____

Is she a leader? _____

Would you be proud to identify her as a representative of the International Fraternity? _____

What would you like for the Nominating Committee to know about this candidate? _____

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Check one: ❑ Group recommendation Name of group _____

❑ Individual recommendation

Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail this form to:

Grand Council Nominations and Recommendations
Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Recommendation deadline is May 15, 2002.

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Election Process

- The Nominating Committee chairman is appointed during the fall before Grand Convention.
- Members, college chapters, and alumnae chapters and clubs submit candidate names to the Nominating Committee chairman for potential Grand Council service.
- Recommendations for candidates are accepted by the Nominating Committee chairman.
- Nominating Committee members are elected from among chapter delegates during district meetings at Grand Convention.
- Nominating Committee meets at Grand Convention to determine a slate of nominees for the offices of president and each of the six vice-presidents.
- Nominating Committee presents the slate to the delegate body for voting.
- Nominations from the floor for any of the seven positions may be made by delegates, providing prior permission from the candidate has been obtained.
- Every Grand Convention delegate votes by ballot.

Eligibility

- Grand Council members must be members in good standing with the Fraternity.
- Grand Council members must have a college degree.
- Grand Council members may serve no more than four terms as a vice-president and two terms as president.
- Grand Council members may serve no more than two terms in the same vice-president position.
- Members of Grand Council may not regress in office.

Qualifications

- Members must possess good verbal and written communication skills, be able to speak well before a group, enjoy comfortable rapport with collegians and alumnae, and represent the Fraternity well to members and non-members.
- Council members must be able to work as a team, exhibiting an openness and willingness to make decisions for the good of the Fraternity.

Responsibilities

- The term of office for each Council member is two years. Every position of Grand Council is elected at Grand Convention.
- Grand Council is responsible for the creation and maintenance of plans, programs, policies, and operations of the Fraternity.
- Grand Council administers and controls the financial affairs of the Fraternity.
- Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity in the interim between Grand Conventions.
- Although serving on Grand Council is a volunteer position, expenses are paid by the Fraternity.
- Each member of Grand Council is expected to participate in installations, visitations, and other official Fraternity affairs as required.
- All members of Council should be alert to the Fraternity's responsibilities in the educational world, including risk management, and should be aware of the relationships with college and university administrations and the general public.
- Grand Council members should recognize the importance of their responsibilities in directing the business affairs and the future of the Fraternity and must have time available for phone calls, correspondence, travel, training, board meetings, and international/regional/district meetings. ■

See Recommendation Form, page 19

Job Descriptions, continued from page 18

Vice-President Alumnae

The vice-president alumnae shall be responsible for the direction and coordination of the alumnae programs of the Fraternity. The vice-president alumnae shall serve as chairman of the Alumnae Committee of the Fraternity; supervise the alumnae district presidents and other special officers reporting to her; appoint alumnae district officers; exercise the powers conferred upon her by the bylaws in matters involving discipline of members; serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

Vice-President Education

The vice-president education shall be responsible for the development and coordination of the educational programs of the Fraternity. The vice-president education shall serve as chairman of the Education Committee of the Fraternity; supervise and direct the special officers and district directors reporting to her; develop and coordinate the programming for district leadership and officers conferences; continually assess eduction-related Fraternity needs and develop short- and long-term plans to fulfill those needs; supervise or review the preparation of all educational and training materials of the Fraternity.

Vice-President Extension

The vice-president extension shall be responsible for the direction, coordination, and execution of the extension program for the Fraternity. The vice-president extension shall serve as chairman of the Extension Committee of the Fraternity; supervise and direct the special officers reporting to her; supervise and direct the research and evaluation of college campuses in the United States and Canada; supervise and direct the establishment of new college chapters and recolonizing chapters; foster positive relationships with other Greek organizations and Panhellenic representatives through ongoing communication, as appropriate, regarding activities of the Extension Committee of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Vice-President Finance

The vice-president finance shall be responsible for the direction and coordination of the financial affairs and programs of the Fraternity. The vice-president finance shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Fraternity; supervise and direct the special officers and district directors reporting to her; select, with Grand Council approval, Fraternity auditors; serve on the Fraternity/Foundation investment committee; approve, with the executive director, any building, remodeling, or improvement of a chapter facility, and the financing of such, by a facility corporation.

Vice-President Membership

The vice-president membership shall be responsible for the direction and coordination of the membership programs of the Fraternity. The vice-president membership shall serve as chairman of the Membership Committee of the Fraternity; supervise and direct the special officers and district officers reporting to her; supervise and direct the recruitment and membership selection programs of the Fraternity. ■

"Bag Lady of the Plains"

That's the humble, humorous way Ellen-Earle Chaffee describes her peerless and prestigious role as president of two North Dakota universities.



Situated in the geographic center of the North American continent is North Dakota—a rural state dotted with farms and ranches. Host to only four cities with 25,000 or more residents, population density is a mere nine people per square mile, compared to the nation's 67-person average. On most summer days, the sun shines for 15 hours and humidity is low. By contrast, North Dakota winters are unforgiving, with bitter temperatures and brutal winds.

The state spans 70,702 square miles, a distance connected by 86,000 miles of roads and highways. And of its approximately 640,000 residents, one North Dakotan knows 75 miles of her state's geography, climate, and temperament by heart. She is Ellen-Earle Chaffee, PhD, Gamma Iota/Kentucky, president of Mayville State University (MSU) and Valley City State University (VCSU).

Chaffee has trekked between the two universities since assuming the dual presidency in 1993. She spends one week at a time in each place (her home is in Valley City; her university-provided apartment is in Mayville), commuting 150 miles weekly. Further taxing her time management skills is husband David Schwalbe's residence. He's a rancher who lives in Bismarck, North Dakota, located 150 miles from Mayville, the "closest" of Chaffee's two workplaces.

"There are five stop signs and two railroad crossings between Valley City and Mayville, and I make the drive with five turns," Chaffee, says, laughing. "I have meetings occasionally at the state capitol, and David comes to see me for a few days. He's very understanding."

It takes more than an agreeable spirit for her scenario to succeed, however, and case studies are non-existent. "Others may oversee several branch universities, but I believe I'm the only person in the country to serve as president of two public baccalaureate colleges," says Chaffee, whose unique arrangement won the Blackburn Award for innovative leadership from the American Association of University Administrators in 1996.

By Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois

"My favorite saying is, '… the reason two people used to have this job is that it was simply too much fun for one person,'" Chaffee states. She adds that she also believes she's the only person in higher education to have served as president of two national associations—the Association for Institutional Research and the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

In the early days, keeping her calendar was a "nightmare," as MSU and VCSU had different software systems. Coordination has eased through the years, Chaffee says, and her laptop computer has been a lifesaver. "I have assistants at each university and, in order for this to work, I need to be organized and to surround myself with an organized, supportive team that represents the presidency well. All university presidents are on the job 24/7. Because I try never to be the bottleneck for somebody, I work a lot at night and put in other odd hours."

Leading IT's Takeover

Prior to her dual presidencies, Chaffee served as vice-chancellor for academic affairs for the North Dakota University System. In this position, she was responsible for all aspects of academic policy, leadership, and administration for the state's 11 public institutions of higher education. Facing a stressed state economy in the early 1990s, the governing board of the state's universities decided to take steps to conserve costs. Chaffee's name came quickly to the forefront.

"The board theorized that a partnership between the universities would improve the quality of a student's experience," Chaffee says. "The campuses share four administrators, and programs and projects are shared, too. For example, both campuses re-bid food service using a single request for proposals. The libraries divided a list of expensive reference materials and agreed to ship resources back and forth."

Such give-and-take is particularly compatible with North Dakota's college composite. Although there are several hundred baccalaureate colleges in the US with 1,000 or fewer students, most are private. By contrast, North Dakota's eleven colleges are public, and small student populations—MSU's enrollment is 750; VCSU stands at 1,100—are the norm.

The relatively small framework also was ripe for Chaffee's passion and primary mission: instructional technology (IT). In 1996, she spearheaded a comprehensive campaign to provide laptop computers for all students and faculty at both universities. The bold move—and its successful outcome—put her colleges on the map: VCSU is distinguished as the second notebook computer campus in the nation; MSU is the country's fourth such institution.

"An image I had in 1995 convinced me we had to do this, no matter what," Chaffee recalls. "I knew that rural hospitals were trying to recruit doctors via the Internet, and I had this vision of one of my graduates hearing from a human resources person that the job was filled before his letter ever arrived—all because he didn't see it posted on the Internet.

"To imagine my graduates without the skills and resources they need to succeed in the 21st century was totally unacceptable. And once I confronted that possibility, I didn't see instructional technology as a risk. I saw it as a necessity."

Equally amazing, Chaffee says, is the fact that laptops were purchased without

any additional state funding. "We had the nerve to raise our tuition, because we believed students would see it as a value increase. We went way out on a limb, but we were right.

"We also made this up as we went along. If we had planned ahead, we would have been scared and would have seen all the impossible things we had to do. As it was, whenever something 'impossible' came up, we all jumped in with our particular areas of expertise and got around it."

The impressive results, profiled in publications such as *Computerworld* and *Educause Review,* are considered models for institutions nationwide and overseas. The two campuses received the first-ever Outstanding Achievement in Education Award from the Information Technology Council of North Dakota in October 2001, and *Computerworld* last spring named Chaffee among its Premier 100 IT Leaders.

"VCSU is a hallmark example of IT," Chaffee explains. "All students are required to produce a digital portfolio of their best college work in order to graduate. This starts at the freshman level, and builds as they go. The work itself demonstrates eight key ability areas, including communication and problem solving, in their specific academic areas. Next, students must possess all the technical, design, and organization skills to put their portfolio together on CD-ROM.

"Every graduate, along with whatever major and minor degrees earned, gets a certificate saying they have the IT skills required at the national level by their major," Chaffee adds. "Specific professions have spelled out required skills, which our graduates possess."

MSU and VCSU students take no additional classes to acquire this expertise; rather, IT is built directly into course curriculum. "Hybrid classrooms" combine the personal attention of traditional classrooms with online instruction, including Internet resources on demand, and rich audio/visual presentations. Students use classroom computers to solve problems, create projects, participate in teams, access information, and communicate with others. In an English class, for instance, a student presenter can project a draft paper on to a big screen, and fellow students can see copies on their laptops. "All of our classes are on the Web, even those taught 'live,'" Chaffee says. "None of our students, or faculty, go anywhere without their laptops."

Although IT suggests anonymity, Chaffee counters that North Dakota's human factor accounts for its success. "We know each other, we care about each other, and it only takes a few of us to make a big change. We were out of the chute like gangbusters with IT, and, although we thought the rest would be right behind us, only one percent of the country's colleges are doing this. Maybe they don't have our level of camaraderie, or they assume IT is too expensive. I think it's still coming for many institutions. It's just slower than I expected."

Chaffee's educational background hardly hints at her IT zeal: A BA in English from the University of Kentucky; MS in counseling from North Dakota State University; and an MA and PhD in administration and policy analysis from Stanford University. She says life experiences, rather than courses of study, cultivated her passion.

"I've become quite zealous about the future of rural communities in America, and quite concerned. Mayville's motto is 'The way America is supposed to be.' It's a place where neighbors will see a child riding a tricycle in the street, and they'll lead him to the sidewalk, or where grandpa and grandma go to high school football games even if they have no personal connection to the students. Kids have relationships across the generations, and they have support systems.

"If Norman Rockwell were to paint today, he'd have to travel far to find his scenes,"



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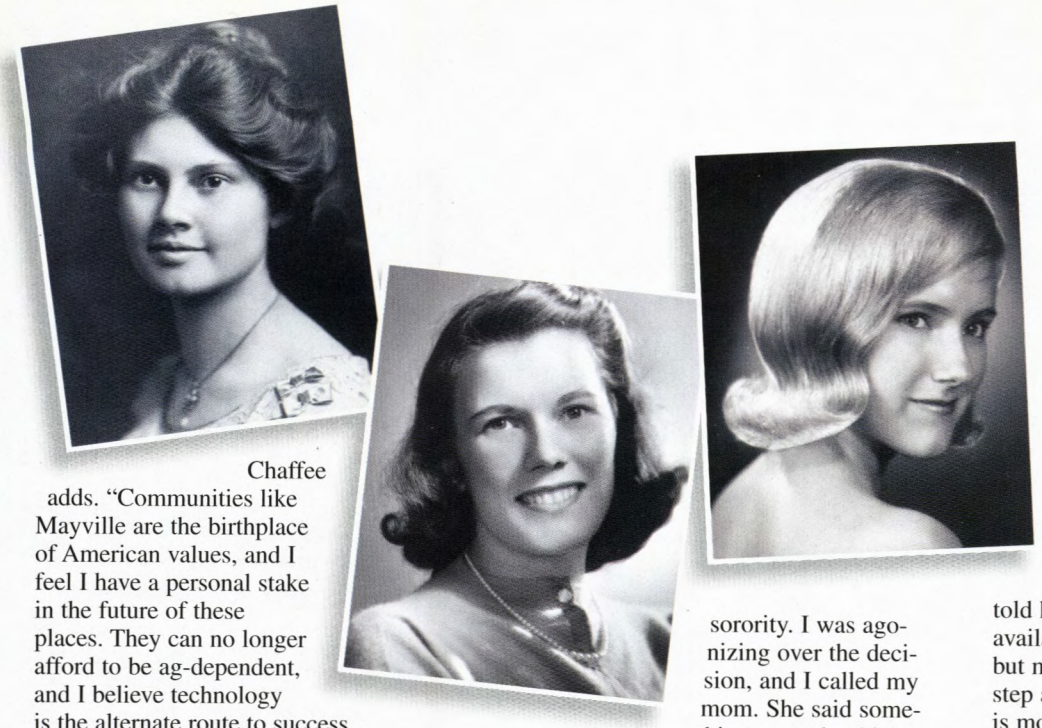
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Theta Family. Ellen Chaffee is the seventh family member to be a Theta. Pictured during their college days are *(from right)* Ellen-Earle Chaffee, ΓΙ/Kentucky, her mother Ellen Earle Douglas Chaffee and her grandmother Ellen-Earle Riggs Douglas, both Η/Michigan.

Chaffee adds. "Communities like Mayville are the birthplace of American values, and I feel I have a personal stake in the future of these places. They can no longer afford to be ag-dependent, and I believe technology is the alternate route to success. Technology makes distance irrelevant."

Theta Set the Stage

Responsibility, commitment, and loyalty define Chaffee's professional life and, from early on, she associated these qualities with Theta. She describes herself as a "proud multiple legacy" whose grandparents met through Theta. Chaffee's Theta lineage springs from the Eta Chapter at Michigan and includes her grandmother and great-aunt, Ellen-Earle Riggs (1914) and Genevieve Riggs (1915); and her grandfather's sisters, Lois Douglas (1914) and Margaretta Douglas (1917). Daughters of the Riggs sisters—Harriet Thom and Ellen Earle Douglas (Chaffee's mother)—graduated in 1940.

Chaffee recalls hearing many stories of Theta friendship. One in particular centered on Ruby Severance Gripman, class of 1914 and a close friend of the Riggs sisters. "After my grandmother died, 'Aunt' Ruby started calling my mom regularly," Chaffee recalls. "Mom always felt that Ruby had an emotional need to carry on a strong, sisterly friendship with her. As it turned out, they stayed close for more than 35 years." Such stories, Chaffee says, always carried the message, 'Theta for a lifetime.'

"When I went through recruitment, I was attracted to Theta and to one other sorority. I was agonizing over the decision, and I called my mom. She said something neutral, which was intended to help me make up my own mind. I made the right decision in choosing Theta, and the experience was wonderful for me. I was very shy, and I was attending college in a 'foreign' state where I didn't know anyone."

Chaffee pledged as a freshman, moved into the house her sophomore year, and was elected chapter president senior year. "No one was more surprised than I was," she laughs. "I owe it to my mother and Theta sisters that I had a lot of opportunities to prepare me for what I'm doing now."

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Specifically, Theta provided a microcosm of the university setting and the relationships that are keys to its success. "I developed a sense of organizations, in terms of being aware of what the organization's needs were and, simultaneously, being aware of each member's needs, situations, and talents. As chapter president, I considered what it would take for Theta to be healthy in years to come and how Theta could best contribute to the lives of each member and each member to Theta."

Chaffee's deepest Theta bond is to her mother, Ellen Earle Douglas Chaffee Reithard—a connection made even more precious and significant since her mother's ovarian cancer diagnosis in February 1999. "I thought her days were numbered, because at her age, the typical life expectancy for ovarian cancer was 15 to 18 months," Chaffee recalls. "But as Mom has gotten stronger, I have taken heart. She periodically changes her treatments and, the last three times she's switched, the doctors have told her she's taking the last treatment available. They've been right every time, but medical progress has kept her one step ahead. The cancer treatment frontier is moving so fast, and it's so wonderful to see.

"My mother is a remarkable person, and she continues to inspire everyone around her with her positive attitude and courage," says Chaffee, whose father, William, died of congestive heart failure four days after her 1994 inauguration. "Mom was approached about joining a support group after her diagnosis but said she didn't feel she needed it. The nurses responded by saying, 'You might not need the group, but the group needs you.'"

Chaffee visits her mom about every six weeks and also makes occasional trips to Boston where daughter Kerry McCabe, 34, works as an emergency room physician. McCabe also is a member of the US Rugby team, and mother and daughter hope to travel together to Barcelona for next May's Rugby World Cup.

Although her connections may span the country, Chaffee's heart belongs in North Dakota.

"In the 1970s, I spent eight years here before going to Stanford, then Colorado, and then back. When I was in Stanford, my colleagues assumed I was a native North Dakotan from the way I spoke of the place. Their feedback made me consider what I truly cared about.

"I've had opportunities elsewhere—among them, several prestigious, better-paid positions in warmer climates," Chaffee says. "But the bottom line is always the same. I haven't found any place else where the people are so committed to doing the right thing and to moving forward together." ■









Through the years, community and philanthropic service has been an important component of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. In 1926, the Friendship Fund was established; in 1946, the Institute of Logopedics was designated Theta's national philanthropy; in 1962, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was formed; in 1989, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) was chosen as Theta's new official philanthropy.

As the photographs on this page show, alumnae chapters and clubs have also donated their time, love, and money to a variety of local, national, and international organizations.

1 In 1937, a member of the **DETROIT ALUMNAE CHAPTER** served as a volunteer at the Toy Lending Library.

2 Members of the **INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER** created holiday decorations and gifts for patients at a local hospital in 1930.

3 A book drive for the Merchant Marine Library was a successful philanthropic project for the **OMAHA ALUMNAE CHAPTER** in 1947.

4 In the early 1920s, Theta established at DePauw an endowed library of books on the subject of women in industry. Named the DePauw Memorial Library, in memory of the Fraternity's founding, the collection was for many years one of the most complete collection of books on women in industry. **GREENCASTLE ALUMNAE** assisted in preparing the books for the shelves. ■

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"Following graduation from USC, one of my friends challenged me to try television instead of law school as planned. He was a lawyer, and he said law would never be as interesting. I don't know whether that's true, but spending these years in television news has been wonderful. There have been fantastic opportunities to interview presidents and people with special stories.

"These days, my job is to give people the tools to present themselves and their information in such a way that the public can hear and understand the message. It is very gratifying to help people this way. I sincerely doubt any of this would have happened without Theta."

Morning Person

Kristi Shearer, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, combined a major in broadcast journalism with a minor in political science to prepare for her debut at a Lubbock, Texas, radio station in 1989. She soon landed an internship at a Lubbock TV station and was on camera shortly thereafter. "I remember a Theta took me under her wing there. Intimidated and as green as they come, I was ecstatic to learn on my first day that one of the station's top reporters was a Theta. I don't know if her help and guidance made me choose to continue along my career path, but it certainly made it easier!"

For five years, Shearer graced the Wichita, Kan., airwaves as a reporter and anchor before coming to the set of KMOV-TV in St. Louis in 1997. Today, Shearer is a familiar figure in the Gateway City, where she hosts the two and one-half hour morning news cast. Honored by peers in Missouri and Kansas for her event coverage and in-depth series, Shearer is just as capable chatting on air about home decorating and cooking.

Theta Connection

Through the medium of television, these dynamic Theta women have all been welcomed into millions of American homes. Their careers have many common threads, and the sense of Theta sisterhood is clearly one of them. As Gina Kurre points out, "Journalism school at Missouri was competitive and quite stressful at times. What got me through was the love and genuine support I felt from my Theta sisters. They were my family in my home away-from-home. I can't imagine what college would have been like without my Theta experience." ■

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Theta Reunions


ΑΓ/Ohio State

Members of the **Alpha Gamma Chapter** gathered for the **Ohio State**/Michigan football game. Posing in front of the fireplace at the Alpha Gamma facility are Lynn Grashaw Greve, Vicki Hess Bender, Patti Haraway Peters, Karen Price Roth, Beverly Krill Emch, and Ann Urig Bradway.


A/DePauw

Eight members of the 1960 new member class at **Alpha/DePauw** held a weekend reunion in Keystone, Colo. Pictured in the back row are Diane Lombard Kinkade, Jody Willis, Sue Wegman Manning, and Bev Close Forslund; pictured in the front row are Mary Day Kilborn Musgrave, Carole Goins Thomas, Carolyn Watson Menge, and Becky Watts Lortz.

Sixteen members of the **Beta Epsilon Chapter** celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation from **Oregon State.** Miriam Knight Garland and Beverly WaverlyPostlewaite are standing; Nancy Randall Jacobsen, Jeannette Klemmer Landes, Joanne Bandenberg LaBranche, Helen Findley Youngs, Nancy Chantler Fullaway, Joan Aune Blair, Mary Louise Gillfillan Simon, and Marjorie Evans Allen are seated; Elaine Michelson Stamm is kneeling.

New member classes of the **Kappa Chapter** at **Kansas** from 1970 and 1971 met in Lawrence, Kan., last autumn. They toured the Kappa facility, enjoyed lunch at the "Wheel," and had a slumber party.


BE/Oregon State

London, England, was the site of a reunion of eleven members of the 1965 new member class of the **Alpha Chapter** at **DePauw.** Taking time out from sightseeing and theatre trips to pose for a photograph are (back row) Jane Eklund Anderson, Joan Fausch Schachtner, Diane Van Antwerp Harder, Pat Boynton Frey, Margie Seaman Spikerman, Marcia Davis Hansen; (front row) Judy Detrick Gowing, Arlene Shaneyfelt Ehlers, Karen Jorgensen, Chris Broxon, and Joan Portle Abrahamsen.


K/Kansas



A/DePauw

Members of the 1951 new member class of **Chi Chapter** at **Syracuse** celebrated their 50th reunion this summer. Marion Kerman Hanshaw, Georgia Hauck Wiegman, Anne Wyatt Sechrist, Dorothy Osborne Hinkley, Jane Woodruff Carroll, Meredith Jones Heaslip, Barbara Healy Barth, Mimi Johnson Labs, and Carolyn Zimmerman Edris are looking forward to their March 2003 reunion in Savannah, Ga. ■


X/Syracuse

Theta Wants You

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WANTED: college chapter advisers.

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WHAT DO ADVISERS DO? Advisory boards are appointed for a one-year term. Responsibilities include communicating with chapter officers regularly; being available to officers and members of the chapter; jointly planning and implementing officer transition with the chapter; being knowledgeable and supportive of the laws and procedures of the Fraternity; handling disciplinary proceedings in a positive, equitable, and timely manner; and sending a representative to district leadership conferences.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A GOOD ADVISER? In a survey conducted by the American College Personnel Association, undergraduate leaders of different groups and organizations were asked to rank the most important characteristics of an effective adviser. They responded with the following traits.

- Provide advice when called upon.
- Teach techniques of good leadership and followership.
- Provide continuity with the traditions and history of the group.
- Help members develop self-discipline and responsibility.
- Prevent the group from breaking university rules and regulations.
- Supply the organization with information, expert knowledge, and insight gained through experience.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO ADVISERS? Advisory boards are supported by a team of district officers, the vice-president college, and Fraternity staff. Training and networking opportunities are available through district leadership conferences and officer training workshops.

WHAT KIND OF PAST EXPERIENCE DO ADVISERS NEED? Each adviser brings her own expertise to the job. Effective advisers come from different backgrounds and vary in age. Loyalty, caring, and a desire to share themselves with a chapter are the major prerequisites.

WHAT DO MEMBERS GAIN BY SERVING ON ADVISORY BOARDS? On a personal level, many alumnae want to give back to Theta some of what they received from their own college experiences. Some remember the advisers who inspired them when they were in school and want to be role models in the same way. Advisers also gain satisfaction from knowing that they are helping to keep the Fraternity strong and reputable. An effective advisory board can be the key to a chapter's success.

Following is a list, by district, of chapters in need of advisers. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about advisory board positions, please contact the appropriate college district president; their names and phone numbers are at the end of each district list.

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Dorothy Tuthill Lange
by Frank and Susan Morton
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by Christina Sundlof Hamilton

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by Alice Ann Thomas Morden

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by Leah Allen Van Driest

Jane Sewell Wacker
by Jean Oslage Shrod

Denis Martin Ward
by Miss Holly Harvick-Ward Otteson

Margaret Jessee Warren
by Pat Polk Dodd
by Theodosia Keane Maurer

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by Ann Weatherton Brown

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by Mary Coburn Carriere

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by Betty Goodman Giles

Virginia Crosby Whittier
by Susan Frakes Logsdon

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by Denny Keyes Alspach

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by Martha Hodge Noreault

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by Peggy Ratcliffe Roe

Florence Benner Wylie
by Patricia Wylie Carr

Margaret McCallum Young
by Jo Ann Woodfill Graham ■

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Lydia Stringham Doughty (Mrs. Don)
Adelphi 1927; April 2001

Evelyn Hart Coulson (Mrs. Jim)
Alberta 1932; August 2001

Louise Larsen Love (Mrs. Harold)
Alberta 1935; April 2001

Suzanne Rustoni
Albion 1989; August 2001

Jane Sparks Erwin (Mrs. John)
Allegheny 1949

Margaret Greig Candlish (Mrs. Geo.)
British Columbia 1930; June 2001

Helen Wendling Davis (Mrs. Chas.)
Butler 1935; September 1999

Joan Williams King (Mrs. Frank)
Butler 1942; August 2001

Suzanne Tredwell Baxter (Mrs. Robt.)
Cincinnati 1943; July 2001

Mariana Sackett Poorman (Mrs. George)
Colorado College 1933; Aug. 2001

Constance Parry Colborn (Mrs. Theodore)
Cornell 1933; August 2001

Mary Althans Abbott (Mrs. James)
Denison 1954; August 2001

Catherine Tillotson McCord (Mrs. Joseph)
DePauw 1915; September 2001

Joan Durham McGaughey (Mrs. Wm.)
DePauw 1930; April 2001

Charmian Wooton Beam
Drake 1937

Patricia Doster Stockham (Mrs. James)
Drake 1949; July 2001

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Drake 1936; August 2001

Ann B. Wood
Florida State 1947; April 2001

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Georgia 1954; August 2001

Vera James Doane (Mrs. David)
Idaho 1939; March 2001

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Illinois 1927; March 2001

Sara Fulton Reston (Mrs. James)
Illinois 1931; September 2001

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Indiana 1944; October 2001

Ruth Hendricks Hess (Mrs. Russell)
Iowa 1927; June 2000

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Lawrence 1940; August 2001

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Michigan 1941; August 2001

Elizabeth Riddell Pongrace (Mrs. Otto W.)
Michigan 1937; June 2001

Elizabeth Hahn Fleischer (Mrs. Robt.)
Michigan State 1929; March 2001

Mary Ellen Murray Pratt (Mrs. Desmond)
Minnesota 1937; October 2001

Sarah Lukens Scheffing (Mrs. Eugene)
Missouri 1951; September 2001

Helen Zierott Cassaday (Mrs. Jeremy)
Nebraska 1951; September 2001

Marie Anderson Fitz (Mrs. Donald)
Nebraska 1938; August 2001

Harriet Davis Meyers (Mrs. Donald)
Nebraska 1928; August 2001

Margaret Seely
Nebraska 1932; July 2001

Janet Holcomb Hunter (Mrs. Claude)
Nevada 1937; July 2001

Vanna Grant Prince
Nevada 1951; June 2000

Sharon Yenney Bankston
New Mexico 1953; August 2001

Margaret Beegle Kaiser (Mrs. Paul)
Northwestern 1921; July 2001

Katharine Lamneck Hibben (Mrs. Robert C.)
Ohio State 1931

Ann Lisle Lee (Mrs. Putnam)
Ohio State 1933; August 2001

Betty Bloss Turbiville (Mrs. Chas. F.)
Ohio State 1936; September 2001

Mary Tarbell Carlile (Mrs. Wm. Art)
Ohio Wesleyan 1934; Sep. 2001

Mary Booton Pumphrey (Mrs. Preston)
Ohio Wesleyan 1924; Nov. 2000

Susan Norris Cason (Mrs. Robert)
Oklahoma 1940; June 2001

Kae Collvins Josefy (Mrs. Don)
Oklahoma State 1963; July 1998

Ruth Howes Erickson (Mrs. Edwin)
Oregon 1935; September 2001

Barbara Espy Geisler (Mrs. Paul)
Oregon 1937; October 2001

Betty Lively Reed (Mrs. Frederick)
Oregon State 1925; August 2001

Jean Horton Tarrant (Mrs. Robert)
Oregon State 1938; August 2001

Bettie Long Reilly (Mrs. Eugene)
Penn State 1938; July 2001

Mary Schiltz Adler (Mrs. James)
Randolph-Macon Women's College 1935; June 2001

Adele Whitaker Gordon (Mrs. Harold)
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Alberta Fisk Grimshaw (Mrs. Robt.)
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Gladys Gilbertson Charrey (Mrs. Thomas)
South Dakota 1923; July 2001

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Ann Kreissig Smeaton (Mrs. John)
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Nancy Jo Tramz Livingston Mills
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Comfort Adams Randolph (Mrs. Judson)
Vanderbilt 1948; August 2001

Betty Calvert Henry (Mrs. Langdon Chapin)
Washington 1932; March 2001

Mary McCuaig Bantz (Mrs. Wm.)
Washington Stat. 1935; Oct. 2000

Eleanor Jinnett Durham (Mrs. Thomas Arthur)
Washington State 1939; Aug. 2001

Harriet Fulton Putnam
Washington St. 1938; June 2001

Gloria Davis Rickert (Mrs. Glenn E.)
Washington State 1948; September 2001

Mariana Jordan Ramsey (Mrs. Stanton)
Washington/St. Louis 1945; Aug. '01

Marion Hooper Sturgis (Mrs. H L)
Western Ontario 1937 ■

Dates represent year of initiation and month and year of death.



Marie Anderson Fitz 1919-2001

Marie Anderson Fitz, Rho/Nebraska, was devoted to Theta, and she demonstrated her devotion through years of service to the Fraternity. She began honing her leadership skills at the local level, as president of the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter. She also served as president of the Beta Kappa/Drake facility corporation, overseeing a remodeling and expansion project, and as chairman of Beta Kappa's advisory board. Following two terms as a college district president, Fitz was elected a member-at-large of Grand Council in 1970.

Fitz's knowledge of alumnae issues led to her re-election to Council in 1972, this time as grand vice-president alumnae, a post she held until her 1976 election as grand president. She served in that capacity from 1976 to 1980 and as a Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation trustee from 1972 to 1980.

In an article published in a 1999 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine,* Fitz recounted one of her proudest accomplishments as president: "Most pleasing to me was being able to reinstall some of our older chapters with proud past histories that had gone off campus during the years of unrest in the sixties."

During Fitz's tenure, three Theta chapters were restored to the active roster. The Iota Chapter, which had been founded on the Cornell campus in 1881, was re-established in 1980 after a 15-year absence. The Theta chapter at Stanford, which had been known as Phi Chapter from 1892 to 1944, was reinstalled in 1978 as the Phi deuteron Chapter. And the Gamma Zeta Chapter was reinstalled on the Connecticut campus in 1979; it had been active from 1942 to 1971. In addition, a new chapter, Epsilon Zeta, was chartered at the University of Mississippi.

As the Fraternity grew during Fitz's presidency, its governance continued to evolve as well. Our governing documents, including the *Constitution and Bylaws*, were revised and adopted. (The new bylaws replaced the old Code of Regulations.) The process of streamlining Grand Council also began during this time, as the number of Council members was reduced from 13 to 11.

Feeling a commitment to Theta history, Fitz appointed former Grand President Martha Smith White, Beta Beta/Randolph-Macon Women's College, to the office of Fraternity historian. As historian, White authored *Kite Flight,* an account of the years between 1976 and 1986.

Fitz also believed that it is important for Thetas to appreciate the history of our leadership. At the 1978 Grand Convention banquet, she introduced a special badge ceremony that describes the significance of the antique badges of office worn by the Fraternity's president and vice-presidents. The ceremony has been conducted at every Convention banquet since.

According to Marj Crane Schnacke, Kappa/Kansas, who served with her on Grand Council from 1974 to 1980, Fitz was kind and generous, and this influenced her leadership style. "She was very much a people person, and she cared about other's ideas," Schnacke said.

Kahla Roberts Latta, Gamma Pi/Iowa State, also served on Grand Council during the same period. She believes that Fitz was able to effectively lead the Fraternity because she had previously served as both college district president and vice-president alumnae. "She was familiar with both the collegiate and alumnae sides of Theta, and she understood the concerns and goals of each," explained Latta.

Two significant historical events occured early in Fitz's time as president. In 1976, she attended the joint meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference and the National Interfraternity Conference. Held in Williamsburg, Va., the meeting celebrated both the bicentennial of the USA and the bicentennial of the college fraternity, a uniquely American institution. That same year, she helped dedicate the Founders Memorial Garden at DePauw. This garden, a courtyard of the Performing Arts Center, comprises a small amphitheatre for outdoor performances and four raised brick planters/benches dedicated to each of Theta's four founders.

Although Fitz devoted much time and thought to Theta, she also contributed much to her community. She was a cellist with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, and she served for many years as the president of the Des Moines YWCA.

Marie Anderson Fitz died on August 15. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her two sons, Andy and Doug; three grandchildren; and her sister, Alice Anderson Moore, also a member of Rho Chapter. ■



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